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A Monument to Thrift.

Mary Ann Gamble started a fund for the Montpelier Home for the Aged the other day with a gift of \$5,000. This woman is about 70 years old and retains the income of the fund during her lifetime and the use of whatever of the principal is necessary for her support. She is not widely known, even in her home city, and has spent her life as a "hired girl" and seamstress. Her income has always been small, unreasonably small some of the smart ones would say, but by her thrift she has accumulated this fund of \$5,000 which she proposes to leave as a benefit to others. It is a distinct honor to Miss Gamble to be the founder of such a beneficial institution, especially with the small income she has always received. She will be recognized now as a successful woman.

Miss Gamble's success is due to the fact that despite her small income she kept her expenses smaller. She was able to save a part of whatever her income was and soon had a little fund that was earning money for her. We fear this is almost a lost art. The young man and young woman of today think it much more essential to "keep up appearances" than to save from the income they receive. They practice no thrift. They demand so many luxuries that a small salary will not pay even their expenses. Therefore they never get the savings started and soon lose cash and credit. To such people Miss Gamble presents the strongest contrast and an example that it would be wise for them to follow.

Thrift, if generally practiced, might mean less automobiles, fewer nights at the moving pictures, and less whist but it would mean more honest people, enough cash to enable any practical man to assume a position as proprietor of a farm or business and available funds to repair the damages of disaster when it comes. It is sure to bring so much greater and better results than extravagance and dishonesty that its rarity is greatly to be regretted. This little pile of life savings of Miss Gamble stands out as a monument that can safely guide those of the younger generation who really desire success.

Court Reform Again.

The plea of Charles D. Watson, president of the Vermont Bar association, in his annual address before that body for informal court procedure in cases with small amounts involved shows that lawyers themselves are beginning to appreciate the value of cheaper and swifter court procedure. He showed unmistakably that a man with a small amount in dispute or the poor man had absolutely no appeal to justice owing to the costly and cumbersome rules of the courts. He speaks of the recent municipal court law as follows:

In Vermont recent legislation has effected a radical change in our judicial procedure; but it is doubtful if it will help the two classes of persons who most need cheap and quick administration of justice. A great opportunity for a real reform was lost or not even realized, perhaps, when the law governing municipal courts was also amended.

Here was a chance to cut off the ponderous trappings of technical pleading, of judicial aloofness and severity and make a real human institution of the lesser court. But instead of relief we get a worse condition, for now the judges of the little courts have assembled and solemnly enacted a set of rules which further discourage the man with the small purse or the small claim.

He commented on the attempts at judicial reform in Vermont as follows:

The public disquietude over the law's delays arises not so much from the time or money consumed in causes of great importance, involving large sums of money or new applications of old principles. It arises and cries for remedies because there is no justice "right off the bat," as Herbert Harley says, for the little fellow with the small claims; because there is no tribunal with the human attributes of the "mixer," but

with the judicial sense of things, where he may go, with or without an attorney, plead his own cause and get results, all in the equivalent of time that he himself would take to swap a horse. For instance, the storekeeper has a claim against a hired man for a pair of rubber boots and the amount of the claim is, say, three dollars. What court could the claimant get into and out of with that claim for the amount of it? Make the bill thirty dollars—would he be any better off under our municipal court system? Make it three hundred dollars and think over his situation a few minutes and ask yourselves if we have yet struck the right lead in our judicial reforms.

While much good has been accomplished in the line of court reform it is evident the work is not complete. The establishment of municipal courts was the greatest piece of graft and expense to be charged to the last legislature. Vermont did not need more judges, it needs less. To go on and create more judges and give them the power to make the same rules that have proven too expensive and cumbersome in the higher courts was a serious blunder and one that should be corrected by the next legislature. The kind of courts Mr. Watson suggested would give any man an opportunity to have his claims weighed by another and something like justice done to him at once. Court reform promises to continue a live topic in Vermont.

Good Republican Outlook.

The Massachusetts republicans give every indication of "coming back" in the state election next month. First they nominated a good man, Samuel W. McCall. Then their platform called for important reforms in compliance with popular demands but explicitly excepted the courts of the state from upheaval through any constitutional change. Both republicans and democrats have declared for a constitutional convention, for the short ballot and for a state budget. The democrats have endorsed President Wilson for re-nomination for president and the republicans condemn the democratic tariff and weak foreign policy, especially the dealing with Mexico. The stands on national matters give the republicans the advantage and the liberal position on state matters is bringing former progressives back into the republican fold in large numbers.

It seems probable that many of the progressives will agree with Joseph Walker in his letter to Mr. McCall when he says:

"I pledge to you and to the republican party my active support in the coming campaign. Most of the leaders of the progressive party have privately or publicly admitted the futility of further attempts to establish a new party. The logic of events clearly shows this to be true. Further allegiance to the progressive party therefore amounts to mere obstruction. Further fighting obviously means, not the success of the progressive party, but merely the defeat of the republican party. I am unwilling to be used by those who would thus play directly into the hand of the democratic party. The welfare of this country and its progress and prosperity in the future now lie in the success of a liberalized, forward-looking republican party. The evidence of a new spirit and of wiser counsels is seen in the action of the recent republican convention in this Commonwealth. I look forward to a reunited and strengthened party in 1916."

The political situation looks good in Massachusetts.

An Ungracious Surrender.

The disavowal of the sinking of the Arabic and the granting of all demands made by the United States by Germany last week was a complete surrender on the part of that country. Yet it cannot be called a great surrender because Germany gave up only the most unreasonable and inhuman attitude a civilized nation has ever attempted to maintain. The attack upon the Arabic was one of the most senseless acts of the war to that time. The brazen and unreasonable excuses offered to this government for such piracy was even more senseless and disgusting to all lovers of decency. Therefore the compliance with the demands of the

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United States was yielding no right, rather a discontinuance of most reprehensible conduct.

That Germany has solemnly promised to discontinue attacks on unarmed merchant vessels is of course satisfactory; that President Wilson has succeeded in getting Germany to make these promises will of course be heralded as a great victory for him and his policy. But no man should have demanded less than President Wilson and no nation on earth would dare refuse those demands because they were right. We never understood how Germany dared assume such reprehensible positions as she did and evidently she did not dare try to defend them long. She astonished the world with the effrontery she showed America and her final surrender was too long delayed to bring her any honor or sympathy. She still stands before the world as heathenish in her methods of warfare and her complete humiliation by the Allies is the only result of the war that will satisfy the rest of the civilized world.

The installation of a Hoe press capable of printing a paper of twenty-four pages by the Burlington Free Press reminds us of the days when the editorial force thought it had accomplished quite a feat in issuing a ten page paper. This is the third time within the memory of the writer that the Free Press has been obliged to install a larger press and each time the management thought it had provided for all probable growth of the paper. The development of the paper under the direction of W. B. Howe has been wonderful.

According to the government estimates on October 1, Vermont farmers have raised \$1,874,800 worth of corn, \$2,053,200 worth of oats, \$1,484,800 worth of potatoes and \$856,800 worth of apples this season. These figures represent the farm value of the crops and would be considerably larger if the market values were given. But the production of \$6,269,600 in real wealth is a creditable accomplishment for Vermont farmers.

The figures for the census of manufactures in 1914 show a very healthy growth in manufacturing in Vermont. The latest report published is for the city of Rutland and shows \$3,978,000 capital invested in manufactures, a gain of 50.1 per cent. during five years. If manufacturing keeps increasing like that Vermont will be considered something of an industrial state.

A Burlington man who had been proprietor of a hotel for thirty years recently said while discussing successful hotel management, "Civility is a great thing. It costs you nothing but it works for you while you sleep. It works for you hundreds of miles away." That is a saying worth remembering because civil manners help in any kind of business.

There were 1,002,029,000 bushels of wheat raised in this country this year, or 111,000,000 bushels more than ever raised before in one year. Sold at the present market price that quantity of wheat would finance the Franco-British loan twice and leave money enough to buy seed wheat for another year.

St. Johnsbury has been obliged to turn thousands of dollars away from the village this last summer on account of insufficient hotel room but we can get it next season if the people will only subscribe sufficient funds to build the addition of the St. Johnsbury House.

The Armenian question is rapidly passing and the gentle hint to the Turkish government that we shall not like them if they continue their inhuman conduct toward the Christians will not save a life in that harassed land.

It is claimed that the fire loss for the past year in United States and Canada equals six dollars for every man, woman and child in these countries. If that be true each person will have a vital interest in the prevention of fires.

President Wilson announces that he will be married in December. Evidently he does not remember Admiral Dewey.

Let us have ample defence.

Peacham

Heaps of Fun and Pies at the Pie Social—Locals.

(Mrs. W. S. Sanborn, correspondent.)
A pie social was held Friday evening, October 8, at the Ewell's Hollow school house. About 60 were present. The following program was given: Music, Lou Stevenson; recitation, Freda McCoy; song, Gladys Gibson; declamation, "Where the Mince Pie Grows," Dexter Welch; essay on Pies, Agnes Craig; song, Lou Stevenson; dialogue, pumpkin pies, Marion and Roberta Craig; Helen Sanborn and Minnie Welch; recitation, "My Grandma's Pumpkin Pie," Helen A. Sanborn; original poem by Norris L. Smith, the subject of which was the quilt the ladies of the club have been making. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, sandwiches, pumpkin, squash, date, raisin, cider, raspberry, apple and chocolate pie were passed, after which each man was requested to write a recipe for the kind of pie which he had eaten or pay a fine of five cents. Robert Craig won first prize for pumpkin pie. He received a pastry set. John Metcalf won the booby prize, which was a small pumpkin pie.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, Moses Craig, Allen and Vera Craig and Henry Somers of St. Johnsbury were at William Somers' Sunday.

Ira Welch has gone to Cabot to work.

Mrs. David Stevenson and children were at Robert Craig's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Safford Bayley are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Alma Frances, born Tuesday, October 5.

Miss Rose Davis has gone to St. Johnsbury to work for Mrs. Fred Foss.

Miss Helen Miles and Benjamin Fields were married at Danville, Wednesday, October 6. They will reside at his farm at the south part of the town.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, Anna Renfrew, Alma Bailey and Mrs. Walter Blanchard were at St. Johnsbury Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Adams of Danville exchanged pulpits Sunday with Rev. T. A. Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith are visiting at Ryegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hobart of Boltonville were visitors at E. J. Hobart's Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Harris of St. Johnsbury will hold a millinery sale at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hobart on Friday of this week.—Adv.

Several attended the installation of Rev. Mr. Laird at West Barnet church Thursday.

Miss Prentiss has closed her cottage at Hillcrest and will soon go to her home in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hastie and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrow went to Boston Tuesday.

George Clark has had his buildings newly painted. Fred Stoddard, Norris Smith and Moody Quimby have been doing the work.

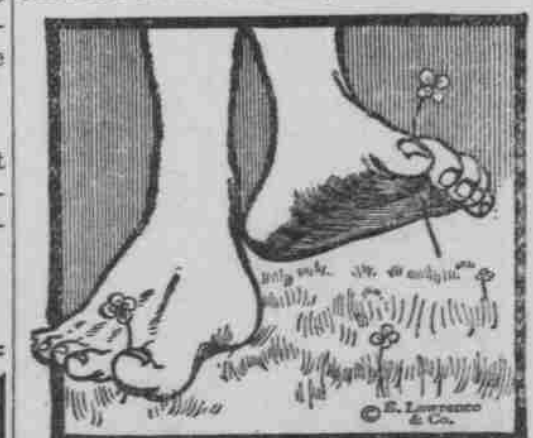
Mrs. Laura Dana, who is in Brightlook is somewhat improved during the past week.

On Saturday morning, October 2, Margaret Olive Darling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Darling, was released from her long illness at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Butson, and went to her Heavenly Father. For many months she had been a patient sufferer, and, though but a girl of less than 16 years of age, she showed a rarely gracious and mature Christian character. She was a member of Mrs. Oile McFarlane's class of girls in the Congregational Sunday school. At the close of the funeral service, which was held in the Congregational church, October 4, her class sang the class hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." A duet, "Will There Be Any Stars?" was sung by two members of the class, the Misses Karen Carlson and Dorothy Mackay, and a solo, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," by Mrs. T. A. Carlson. Owing to the remembrance of her many friends it was remarked that she was literally buried in flowers. Among these was a tribute of roses from the students and faculty of Peacham Academy, with which she was identified as a student, for more than a year. Born on April 8, 1900, the short span of her life endeared her to a large circle of friends young and old, and her going has brought deep sadness to many. The following persons from out of town attended the funeral service: From St. Johnsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Cardiner, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehill, Mrs.

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Margaret Newell Hayward, Mrs. Henry Byron, Mrs. John Lang; from Groton, Mrs. Emma James, Mrs. Aurel Legarre, Mrs. Wm. Davidson, Miss Martha Davidson, Mrs. Mary Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McColl. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas A. Carlson, assisted by the Rev. Roy E. Green.

The following series of lectures will be delivered by the Rev. W. J. McKnight of Boston in the vestry of the Congregational church: Sunday, October 17, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., "The Bible the Source of Authority and the Guide of Life"; Monday evening, October 18, "The Heavenly Seal on the Book of Psalms"; Tuesday evening, October 19, "Music in the Temple and Singing in the Synagogue"; Wednesday evening, October 20, "Christian Patriotism"; Thursday evening, October 21, "Personal Conduct Viewed as an Epistle Known and Read of All Men." Except Sunday evening the lectures will begin at eight o'clock.

MONROE.

Many Visitors at the Last Grange Meeting—Personals.

(Mabel Frazer, correspondent.)
At the regular meeting of Monroe Grange last Wednesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred on two candidates and three applications for membership were received. There was a large number of visitors present from Lyman, West Barnet and Melndoes Granges. About 130 enjoyed the following program: Instrumental duet, Ruby Beattie and Mabel Frazer; reading, Mary Bluff; reading, Theresa Blair; vocal duet, Mildred Blanchard and Mabel Frazer; topic, "What Is the Most Paying Proposition on the Farm Today?" responded to by Maurice Carter, Alex Gilchrist, James Blain, Dana Hubbard and W. H. Stephens; recitation, W. H. Stephens; song, Misses Ruby, Hazel and Lois Beattie; reading, Alex Gilchrist; music by Marion Quimby, piano, and Irma King, violin; reading, Vivian Lowrey; recitation, Grace Blair; vocal solo, Mrs. John Gilchrist; tableau, "The Village Choir." After the meeting a salad supper was served and dancing was enjoyed.

Miss Alberta Nelson was at home from St. Johnsbury over Sunday.

Leslie Johnson of Boston is visiting his uncle, Henry Hinman.

Mrs. P. E. Blanchard and Mildred spent Friday at St. Johnsbury.

John Colby and family of Woodsville spent Sunday at C. H. Hosford's.

Rally Day was observed in the Sunday school last Sunday with a good attendance.

Mrs. Howard Burrill and Miss Mary Hadley spent Saturday in Woodsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byron of St. Johnsbury were guests at Miss Susie Stanley's over Sunday.

Mabel Frazer attended The Caledonian Banquet at the St. Johnsbury House Thursday.

Miss Ethel Duncan was at home from Sheffield over Sunday.

Gilbert Chamberlain, Bert Bedell, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bedell were in Concord last week to attend the funeral of F. J. Bedell.

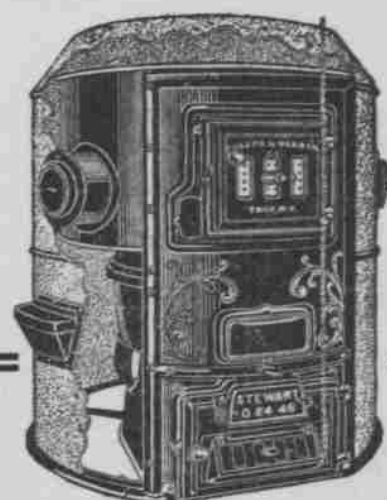
Mrs. Lillian Rice is spending a few days in Littleton.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Q. Angell of West Burke visited her sister, Mrs. Alonzo Shute, the last of the week.

The Ladies' Aid society of North Monroe will serve its annual chicken pie dinner and supper Friday, October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McBurney, F. H. Gibson and Rev. D. E. Burns attended Plymouth fair Wednesday.

The Epworth league will hold a social and baked bean supper at the



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Gilbert Chamberlain has been visiting in Lisbon and Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson and family attended the wedding of Bert Gibson and Miss Beatrice Wheeler at Lancaster last Tuesday.

KIRBY.

(Mrs. W. P. Russell, correspondent.)
Rev. Mr. Rose of E. Burke conducted services at the church Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Leach and Mrs. John Lang visited Mrs. Harry Coburn in Lanting Friday and Saturday.

Work on the new kitchen at the

church began Monday. It will be completed for use October 22 when the ladies will hold their annual sale and serve a chicken pie supper.

Arthur Davis and family and Roy Powers and family took a trip to Dixville Notch Sunday.

MINISTER GIVES TESTIMONY.
The Rev. C. M. Knighton, Havana, Fla., writes: "For three months I suffered intense pain in kidneys and back, which at times laid me up entirely. I read of Foley Kidney Pills and after trying various remedies without result I decided to try the Foley treatment."

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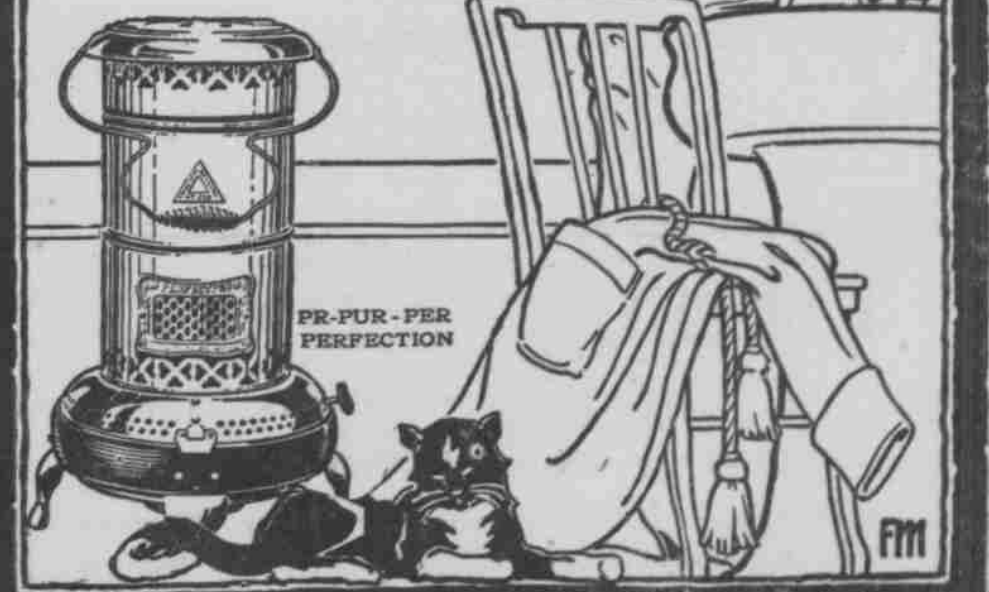
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